

c.) Amendments to the Claims

1. (currently amended) A method for creating and manipulating graphic charts, said method comprising:

- displaying graphic control devices that are controllable by a user to
- 5 change numeric values of said graphic control devices;
- selectively associating said graphic control devices to a graphic chart to be created so that said numeric values of said graphic control devices correspond to chart components of said graphic chart;
- 10 drawing a first arrow to select at least some of said graphic control devices, and modifying said first arrow to specify a type of graphic chart to be displayed;
- and
- displaying said chart components of said at least some graphical control devices to create said graphic chart, said chart components visually
- 15 representing said numeric values of said at least some graphic control devices.

2. (original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

- changing a numeric value of a selected graphic control device of said graphic control device; and
- 20 changing the size of one of said chart components that corresponds to said selected graphic control device to reflect said changing of said numeric value.

3. (currently amended) ~~The method of claim 1 further comprising:~~ A method for creating and manipulating graphic charts, said method comprising:
displaying graphic control devices that are controllable by a user to
change numeric values of said graphic control devices;

5 selectively associating said graphic control devices to a graphic chart to
be created so that said numeric values of said graphic control devices
correspond to chart components of said graphic chart;

displaying said chart components to create said graphic chart, said chart
components visually representing said numeric values of said graphic control
10 devices;

 deleting a selected graphic control device of said graphic control devices;
and

 removing a chart component that corresponds to said selected graphic
control device from said graphic chart.

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4. (currently amended) ~~The method of claim 1 further comprising:~~ A
method for creating and manipulating graphic charts, said method comprising:
displaying graphic control devices that are controllable by a user to
20 change numeric values of said graphic control devices;

selectively associating said graphic control devices to a graphic chart to
be created so that said numeric values of said graphic control devices
correspond to chart components of said graphic chart;

displaying said chart components to create said graphic chart, said chart
5 components visually representing said numeric values of said graphic control
devices;

associating an additional graphic control device having a numeric value
to said graphic chart; and

inserting an additional chart component into said graphic chart in
10 response to said associating of said additional graphic control device, said
additional chart component corresponding to said additional graphic control
device such that said numeric value of said additional graphic control device is
visually represented by said additional chart component.

15 5. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein said displaying of said
graphic control devices includes programming said graphic control devices
with at least one of text and numeric value.

20 6. (original) The method of claim 1 further comprising displaying a
chart key that corresponds to said graphic chart, said chart key including
informational data associated with said chart components of said graphic chart.

7. (original) The method of claim 6 wherein said informational data associated with said chart components included in said chart key comprises one of label, color, relative percentage, and a numeric value

5 8. (original) The method of claim 6 further comprising:
changing an element of said informational data; and
changing related elements in said graphic control devices and said
graphic chart in response to said changing of said element of said informational
data.

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9. (original) The method of claim 6 further comprising:
changing a numeric value of a selected graphic control device of said
graphic control device;
changing the size of one of said chart components that corresponds to
15 said selected graphic control device in response to said changing of said
numeric value; and
changing said information data included in said chart key to reflect said
changing of said numeric value.

20 10. (currently amended) ~~The method of claim 1 further comprising:~~ A
method for creating and manipulating graphic charts, said method comprising:

displaying graphic control devices that are controllable by a user to
change numeric values of said graphic control devices;
selectively associating said graphic control devices to a graphic chart to
be created so that said numeric values of said graphic control devices
5 correspond to chart components of said graphic chart;
displaying said chart components to create said graphic chart, said chart
components visually representing said numeric values of said graphic control
devices;
associating an additional graphic control device having a numeric value
10 to said graphic chart and a second graphic chart; and
inserting a first additional chart component into said graphic chart and a
second additional chart component into said second graphic chart in response
to said associating of said additional graphic control device, said first and
second additional chart components corresponding to said additional graphic
15 control device such that said numeric value of said additional graphic control
device is visually represented by said first and second additional chart
components.

11. (original) The method of claim 10 further comprising:
20 changing said numeric value of said additional graphic control device;
and

changing the size of said first and second additional chart components to reflect said changing of said numeric value.

5 12. (original) The method of claim 10 further comprising displaying a first chart key that corresponds to said graphic chart and a second chart key that corresponds to said second graphic chart, said first chart key including first informational data associated with chart components of said graphic chart, said second chart key including second informational data associated with chart
10 components of said second graphic chart.

 13. (original) The method of claim 12 further comprising:
 changing an element of said first informational data associated with said additional graphic control device; and
15 changing related elements in said additional graphic control device, said graphic chart, said second graphic chart, and said second information data in response to said changing of said element of said first informational data.

 14. (currently amended) A storage medium readable by a computer,
20 tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by said computer to perform method steps for creating and manipulating graphic charts, said method steps comprising:

displaying graphic control devices that are controllable by a user to
change numeric values of said graphic control devices;

selectively associating said graphic control devices to a graphic chart to
be created so that said numeric values of said graphic control devices

5 correspond to chart components of said graphic chart;

drawing a first arrow to select at least some of said graphic control
devices, and modifying said first arrow to specify a type of graphic chart to be
displayed;

and

10 displaying said chart components of said at least some graphical control
devices to create said graphic chart, said chart components visually
representing said numeric values of said at least some graphic control devices.

15. (original) The storage medium of claim 14 further comprising:

15 changing a numeric value of a selected graphic control device of said
graphic control device; and

changing the size of one of said chart components that corresponds to
said selected graphic control device to reflect said changing of said numeric
value.

20 16. (currently amended) ~~The storage medium of claim 14 further
comprising:~~ A storage medium readable by a computer, tangibly embodying a

program of instructions executable by said computer to perform method steps for creating and manipulating graphic charts, said method steps comprising:

displaying graphic control devices that are controllable by a user to change numeric values of said graphic control devices;

5 selectively associating said graphic control devices to a graphic chart to be created so that said numeric values of said graphic control devices correspond to chart components of said graphic chart;

displaying said chart components to create said graphic chart, said chart components visually representing said numeric values of said graphic control

10 devices;

deleting a selected graphic control device of said graphic control devices;

and

removing a chart component that corresponds to said selected graphic control device from said graphic chart.

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17. (currently amended) ~~The storage medium of claim 14 further comprising:~~ A storage medium readable by a computer, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by said computer to perform method steps for creating and manipulating graphic charts, said method steps comprising:

20 displaying graphic control devices that are controllable by a user to change numeric values of said graphic control devices;

selectively associating said graphic control devices to a graphic chart to be created so that said numeric values of said graphic control devices correspond to chart components of said graphic chart;

displaying said chart components to create said graphic chart, said chart
5 components visually representing said numeric values of said graphic control devices;

associating an additional graphic control device having a numeric value to said graphic chart; and

inserting an additional chart component into said graphic chart in
10 response to said associating of said additional graphic control device, said additional chart component corresponding to said additional graphic control device such that said numeric value of said additional graphic control device is visually represented by said additional chart component.

15 18. (original) The storage medium of claim 14 wherein said displaying of said graphic control devices includes programming said graphic control devices with at least one of text and numeric value.

19. (original) The storage medium of claim 14 further comprising
20 displaying a chart key that corresponds to said graphic chart, said chart key including informational data associated with said chart components of said graphic chart.

20. (original) The storage medium of claim 19 wherein said informational data associated with said chart components included in said chart key comprises one of label, color, relative percentage, and a numeric value

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21. (original) The storage medium of claim 19 further comprising:
changing an element of said informational data; and
changing related elements in said graphic control devices and said
10 graphic chart in response to said changing of said element of said informational data.

22. (original) The storage medium of claim 19 further comprising:
changing a numeric value of a selected graphic control device of said
graphic control device;
15 changing the size of one of said chart components that corresponds to
said selected graphic control device in response to said changing of said
numeric value; and
changing said information data included in said chart key to reflect said
changing of said numeric value.

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23. (currently amended) ~~The storage medium of claim 14 further~~
~~comprising:~~ A storage medium readable by a computer, tangibly embodying a
program of instructions executable by said computer to perform method steps
for creating and manipulating graphic charts, said method steps comprising:
5 displaying graphic control devices that are controllable by a user to
change numeric values of said graphic control devices;
selectively associating said graphic control devices to a graphic chart to
be created so that said numeric values of said graphic control devices
correspond to chart components of said graphic chart;
10 displaying said chart components to create said graphic chart, said chart
components visually representing said numeric values of said graphic control
devices;
 associating an additional graphic control device having a numeric value
to said graphic chart and a second graphic chart; and
15 inserting a first additional chart component into said graphic chart and a
second additional chart component into said second graphic chart in response
to said associating of said additional graphic control device, said first and
second additional chart components corresponding to said additional graphic
control device such that said numeric value of said additional graphic control
20 device is visually represented by said first and second additional chart
components.

24. (original) The storage medium of claim 23 further comprising:
changing said numeric value of said additional graphic control device;
and
changing the size of said first and second additional chart components to
5 reflect said changing of said numeric value.

25. (original) The storage medium of claim 23 further comprising
displaying a first chart key that corresponds to said graphic chart and a second
chart key that corresponds to said second graphic chart, said first chart key
10 including first informational data associated with chart components of said
graphic chart, said second chart key including second informational data
associated with chart components of said second graphic chart.

26. (original) The storage medium of claim 25 further comprising:
15 changing an element of said first informational data associated with said
additional graphic control device; and

changing related elements in said additional graphic control device, said
graphic chart, said second graphic chart, and said second information data in
response to said changing of said element of said first informational data.

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27. (new) The method of claim 1, wherein said modifying step includes drawing a second, modifier arrow to intersect said first arrow, said second arrow extending to a modifier word that describes said type of graphic chart.

5 28. (new) The storage medium of claim 14, wherein said modifying step includes drawing a second, modifier arrow to intersect said first arrow, said second arrow extending to a modifier word that describes said type of graphic chart.